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LETTER DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as representative of the Presidency of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement of the European Union issued on 15 September 1994 on the situation in Nagorny Karabakh (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Detlev GRAF ZU RANTZAU
Ambassador

Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement by the Presidency issued on 15 September 1994 on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Nagorny Karabakh

The European Union welcomes with great satisfaction the recent statements by the leaderships of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorny Karabakh made during the visit of the Head of the CSCE Minsk Group, Ambassador Eliasson, to the region. In those statements, the parties to the conflict confirmed their commitment to uphold the cease-fire until an agreement on the settlement of the conflict has been concluded. The European Union further welcomes the official declarations issued on this matter by the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan as well as the authorities in Stepanakert.

The European Union considers this an important step in consolidating the cease-fire and approaching a political solution. It thanks the CSCE Minsk Group for its efforts in bringing about these statements and renews its support for the Group's work, which is indispensable for the way towards peace in Nagorny Karabakh. The European Union expresses its sincere hope that the Minsk conference can be convened in the near future.

Finally, the European Union hopes that the parties to the conflict also show restraint in public declarations. The European Union furthermore encourages continued direct contacts between the parties in order to create a more friendly and psychologically favourable atmosphere for the continuation of the negotiations.

The four acceding countries associate themselves with this declaration.